1: Dieterlen, Germaine. Essai sur la Religion Bambara /An Essay on the Religion of the Bambara/. Preface by Marcel Griaule. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1951.

Pp. xx, 240; 6 plates, 17 text figures /HRAF manuscript pp. iv, 293/

Yale: Nkd 81 B1 951D

/Translated from the French for the Human Relations Area Files by Katia Wolf./

/Not translated for the files: preface and the bibliography./

/This is a general work by a well-known French ethnographer dealing with Bambara religion and its relations with other aspects of the culture. The main sections of the book are concerned with mythology, the gods, the individual and his religion, sacrifice and the altar, technology and religion, the cults, various rites, and divination. Dieterlen tries to relate each individual aspect of Bambara religion to basic philosophy and world-view. She also shows the relationship of Bambara religion to other religions in the Sudan, which resemble it in most basic aspects. --Analyst/

Field date: 1946-1949 Evaluation: Ethnologist - 5
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary Processed in 1960

2. Monteil, Charles. Les Bambara du Ségou et du Kaarta: Étude Historique, Ethnographique et Littéraire d'une Peuplade du Soudan Française [The Bambara of Ségou and Kaarta: an Historical, Ethnographical and Literary Study of a People of the French Sudan]. Paris: Émile Larose, 1924.

Pp. ii, 403; 1 map; 8 photographs; bibliography.

[Not translated: pp. 346-401]

University of Pennsylvania Museum: Mu572 9662 M763 (HRAF Ms. pp. iii, 384/

[Translated from the French for the Human Relations Area Files by Kathryn A. Looney.]

/This work by a government administrator is considered one of the basic sources of information on the Bambara. It is primarily concerned with the history, beliefs, and social life of the people, with only incidental data on the material culture. From the author's descriptions, it is apparent that associations based on age grouping,

2: Monteil, Charles.

religious cults, and secret societies are co-terminous; similarly, governmental and territorial control is exercised by the extended kinship group which the author terms "clan" and which constitutes the community. As a result, data related to several aspects of the culture have often been assigned to only one of the principal categories. Chapter 7 of the original, which contains Bambara texts and their French translations, has not been processed for the file. --Analyst/

Field date: 1902-1923
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Government Official-5
Processed in 1960

3: Paques, Viviana. Les Bambara /The Bambara/. International African Institute, Ethnographic Survey of Africa, Western Africa, French Series, Part I. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1954.

Pp. viii, 123; end map; bibliography. HRAF ms: pp. iv, 151.

HRAF Copy.

[Translated from the French for the Human Relations Area Files by Thomas Turner.]

/This general survey of Bambara culture is one of the series of monographs on African peoples sponsored by the International African Institute in London. The author has done field work in French West Africa. At the time she wrote the book, she was attached to the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique in Paris. This book, however, is based mostly upon published materials rather than personal observations. More than half of the book is devoted to data on demography, tribal

3: Paques, Viviana.

groups, language, geography, economics and history. Cultural data include information on family and political organization, religion, birth, initiation, marriage, death, and the arts. The influence of French administration is mentioned throughout the book. --Analyst/

Field date: no date
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Social Scientist - 4
Processed in 1959

4: Henry, Joseph. L'ame d'un peuple Africain. Les Bambara Leur vie psychique, ethique, sociale, religieuse [The Soul of an African People. The Bambara: Their Psychic, Ethical, Religious and Social Life]. Bibliotheque-Anthropos, Tome 1, Fasc. 2. Münster i. W.: Druck und Verlag der Aschendorffschen Buchhandlung, 1910.

Pp. viii, 240; 24 plates, 11 text figures (HRAF ms. pp. iv, 287)

Yale: Nkd81 N1 B10h

[Translated from the French for the Human Relations Area Files by Anne Coleman.]

[This volume is a study of the religion and some aspects of the life cycle of the Bambara by a French Roman Catholic missionary who had spent some years among them around the turn of the century. In the course of the work, Henry discusses the Bambara mentality and taboos, animism, general ideas on human life, Bambara ideas of God and other beings, fetishism, cults and sacrifices, the early life of the Bambara, circumcision and excision, marriage and death. Henry's views on the Bambara are highly colored by his own religious background, but, allowing for

4: Henry, Joseph.

this, he was a very perceptive observer of Bambara life. --Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1900
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Missionary-5
Processed in 1960